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Barbara McNutt
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Dear Ms. McNutt:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes proposed by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency ("IPLA") and contained in LSA Document 06-152, which amends 816 IAC concerning the use of instructors, reexamination requirements, the barber examination, and barbering instructors. The rule also adds 816 IAC 1-5 to establish fees for application, issuance, or renewal of barber licenses, barber school licenses, barber instructor licenses, or barber shop licenses; to establish fees for examinations for licensure to practice as a barber instructor or barber; to establish fees for temporary permits; to establish fees for temporary work permits; to establish fees for verification of license status to another state or jurisdiction; and to establish fees for duplicate licenses.

The IPLA estimates that the rule will affect 19 barber colleges and 1,866 barber Shops. The impact statement does not identify what percentage of the affected entities may be classified as small businesses, but the impact statement prepared by IPLA indicates that the rule changes do not impose any new reporting, record keeping, or other administrative costs on small businesses. The statement also indicates that the changes associated with the rule will not result in an increase in financial costs to affected entities. In determining the fiscal impact of the rule the IPLA also reviewed comparable rates in Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. That review indicated that rates in Indiana are competitive with those charged in other states. The IEDC does not object to the fiscal impact associated with the proposed rule changes.

If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 232-8962 or rasberry@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

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